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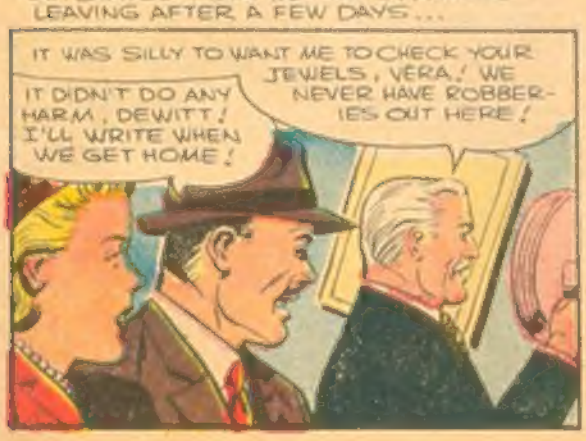
The VISITORS

DID YOU EVER HEAR THE DOORBELL RING AND MEET STRANGERS AT THE DOOR & THEN, SUDDENLY FIND THEY'RE COUSINS OR FRIENDS OF AN OLD COLLEGE CHUM WHO YOU HAVE TO OFFER HOSPITALITY TO! BUT... BE CAREFUL! BE CAREFUL! SOMETIMES THESE 'VISITORS' AREN'T JUST SOCIAL CALLERS... THEY MAY BE WORKING A NEW RACKET!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AT LAST, DEWITT! AUNT ELLEN ASKED US TO STOP AND SAY HELLO BEFORE WE WENT TO OUR HOTEL!
HOTEL? NONSENSE! YOU'LL STAY WITH US, OF COURSE!
HOW NICE! IT'S MUCH PLEASANTER TO STAY WITH SOMEONE YOU REALLY KNOW!

MR. AND MRS. NED COLE WERE CONGENIAL AND SEEMED PROSPEROUS! THEY NEVER OUTSTAYED THEIR WELCOME, ALWAYS LEAVING AFTER A FEW DAYS...


IT WAS SILLY TO WANT ME TO CHECK YOUR JEWELS, VERA! WE NEVER HAVE ROBBERIES OUT HERE!
IT DIDN'T DO ANY HARM, DEWITT! I'LL WRITE WHEN WE GET HOME!

THEN, A WEEK LATER...

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE DEWITT PETERS ROBBERY WAS JUST THE LATEST IN A SERIES, ALL OF THEM FORMING A PATTERN! INSPECTOR O'MALLEY WAS CALLED IN ...
THAT SAFE IS WELL CONCEALED! WHO KNEW ABOUT IT BESIDES THE SERVANTS?
NO ONE -- EXCEPT FRIENDS AND RELATIVES LIKE THE COLES, MY COUSINS!
I'VE ALREADY CHECKED ON THEM! YOU HAVE COUSINS NAMED COLE BUT THEY DIDN'T COME EAST AT ALL! THE PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE WERE IMPOSTERS!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?
TO GET A LINE ON YOU AND THE HOUSE! THEY WORKED THE SAME TRICK ON DOZENS OF OTHER PEOPLE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS!
THEN, A WEEK LATER, IT HAPPENED AGAIN...
HOLD IT, PUT UP YOUR HANDS!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP!
CARLTON BENNING'S WIFE CALLED THE POLICE ... AND ONCE MORE, INSPECTOR O'MALLEY FOUND A "VISITOR" HAD RECENTLY LEFT ...
I'M SURE YOU'RE WRONG, INSPECTOR! MR. CAWLEY HAD A LETTER FROM MY BROTHER INTRODUCING HIM!
OBVIOUSLY A FRAUD, MR. BENNING!
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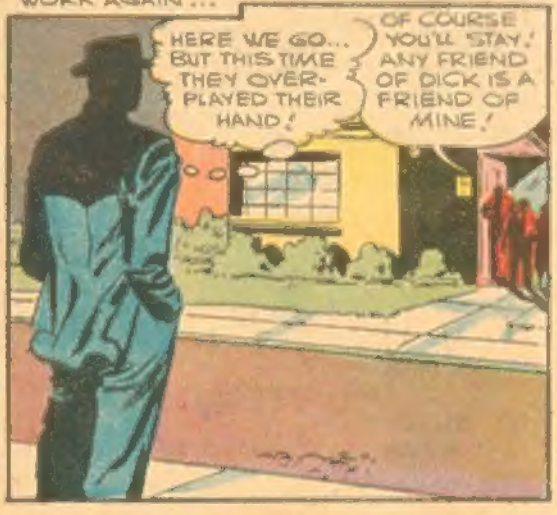
THIS MAN LOOKS UP WEALTHY FAMILIES AND CHECKS ON THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES! THEN DROPS IN TO SAY HELLO AND AFTER GETTING THE INFORMATION HE NEEDS HE LEAVES-- BUT ALWAYS COMES BACK!

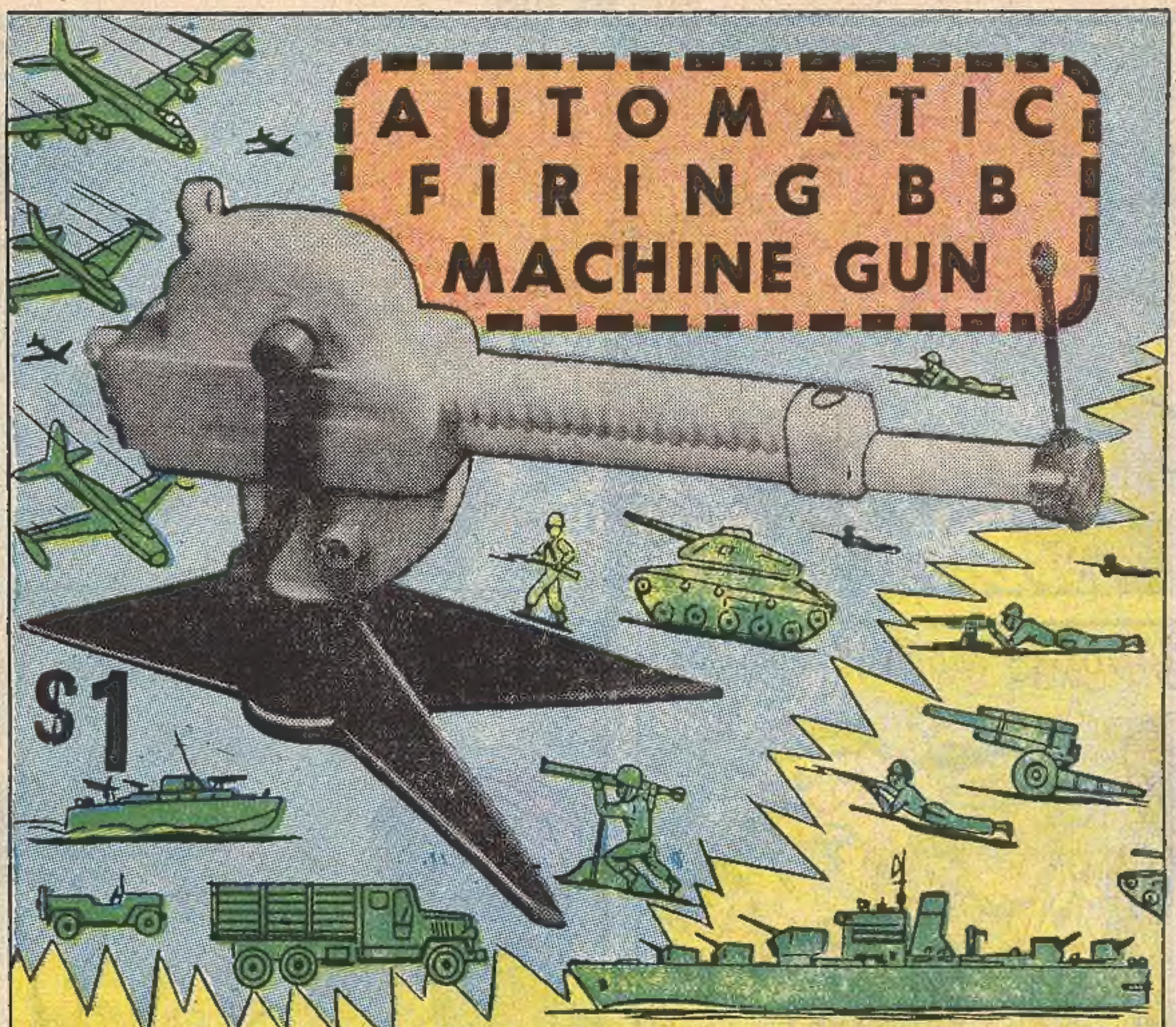
INSPECTOR O'MALLEY HAD ONLY ONE LEAD— A SOCIAL EDITOR WHO'D HAD CALLS FROM A MYSTERIOUS MR. EVANS CONCERNING THE PEOPLE WHO'D BEEN ROBBED...

THIS MR. EVANS SEEMED TO BE SUCH A CULTURED... EXCUSE ME, SIR! OH, YES, MR. EVANS! THE HAPWORTHS? LOVELY PEOPLE! A NEPHEW IN HOUSTON AND... YES, THE ONLY RELATIVE!

LATER THAT DAY, THE 'VISITORS' WERE AT WORK AGAIN...



THE VISIT WAS SHORT AND THE COUPLE LEFT THE NEXT DAY-- BUT NOT PERMANENTLY



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I THOUGHT SOMEONE TAILED US TONIGHT!
WHAT'S GOING ON, VERA? WHY IS ED FIGHTING? WHOSE GUN IS THAT?
JUST GRAB IT AND HOLD ON TO IT A MINUTE!
WHO ARE YOU? THESE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDS OF MINE!
YEAH -- THAT'S WHY THEY WERE ROBBING YOUR SAFE! THEY'RE ONLY FRIENDS LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU KEEP YOUR VALUABLES!
INSPECTOR O'MALLEY GOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE FROM HALF A DOZEN WITNESSES TO GET AN INDICTMENT! AND THE CAREER OF THE 'VISITORS' WAS OVER...
YOU BOTH WERE FOOLS! YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN WE'D CATCH UP WITH YOU!
I THOUGHT IT WAS EASIER THAN WORKING FOR A LIVING -- BUT I WAS WRONG!
END

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A LIST OF FOOLS

NICK CROLOS WAS NOT A THIEF IN THE ORDINARY SENSE OF THE WORD... HE WAS A SALESMAN AND WHAT HE SOLD WAS FAKE MERCHANDISE THAT THE BUYERS COULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT EVEN IF THEY LEARNED THEY'D BEEN SWINDLED! IT SEEMED LIKE A FOOL-PROOF SCHEME...

THERE IT IS, MR. GREENWAY! YOU READ OF THE ROBBERY LAST WEEK-- I... UH... GOT IT THROUGH CHANNELS! VALUED AT EIGHT THOUSAND, YOU CAN HAVE IT FOR THREE!
YES, YES, I REMEMBER THE ROBBERY! IN CLEVELAND! I'LL GIVE YOU TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED! CASH AS USUAL, OF COURSE!

CROLOS POCKETED THE MONEY, THEN HE PAID OFF IN TURN... AND IN PEANUTS...
HERE'S YOUR HUNDRED, CLAUDE! YOU DID A NICE JOB! I SOLD IT FOR TWICE THE PRICE!
OR TWENTY TIMES THE PRICE! BUT I DON'T CARE! I WILL TURN OUT COPIES OF MASTER-PIECES, PROPERLY AGED, FOR THE SAME FEE ANYTIME!

THEY'RE ALL FOOLS! THEY THINK THEY'RE GETTING A MASTER-PIECE BUT THEY GET FIFTY DOLLARS WORTH OF CANVAS AND PAINT!
YOU'RE A SMART GUY, NICK! I HOPE IT NEVER BACKFIRES ON YOU! IF IT DOES, I'LL BE AROUND AS USUAL!

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NICK'S CONFIDENCE GAME WENT ON AND HE WORKED IT FROM COAST TO COAST...
HERE'S SOMETHING --A MILLION IN JEWELS AND THEY'RE COLLECTOR ITEMS! I'LL CALL JOHANN IN FRISCO AND HAVE DUPLICATES MADE!
GIANT JEWEL ROBBERY
WHAT'S UP, NICK? MORE BUSINESS?
YEAH, AND I WANT YOU ALONG! HELLO, AIRPORT? TWO RESERVATIONS ON THE NEXT PLANE FOR FRISCO! YEAH, RIGHT AWAY!
AN HOUR LATER...
THAT ICE THEY TOOK AWAY WILL BE SALTED AWAY FOR MONTHS TILL IT COOLS OFF! MEANWHILE, I'LL PEDDLE COPIES AROUND IN CALIFORNIA!
THE FIRST STOP WAS A SECURITY BROKER'S OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO...
NICK! DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE KORODOFF NECKLACE? HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
TAKE IT EASY, MR. BRICE! I PAID PLENTY FOR IT!
THERE THEY ARE, MR. BRICE! COST ME SIXTY THOUSAND! THEY'RE YOURS FOR SEVENTY! THEY'RE WORTH TRIPLE THAT!
I KNOW, I KNOW! LET ME CALL MY JEWELER!
NICK HAD ANTICIPATED THAT TOO! THE JEWELER ARRIVED, AND HAD A WORD WITH NICK ON HIS WAY IN TO THE OFFICE
THAT'S THE GENUINE ARTICLE, PAUL! REMEMBER, YOU GET A PERCENTAGE!
OF COURSE, NICK! YOU WOULDN'T DEFRAUD A FRIEND OF MINE!

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GENUINE, NO DOUBT! AN EXQUISITE PIECE!
HERE YOU ARE ARE, NICK! I GET A DOUBLE PROFIT AND YOU GET TEN G'S FOR A FEW MINUTES WORK!
THANK YOU, MR. BRICE! REMEMBER, DON'T TRY TO SELL THAT FOR A FEW YEARS! IT'S HOT!
HIS CUSTOMERS KNEW THEY WERE BUYING STOLEN GOODS, AND THEY WERE HELPLESS WHEN THEY LEARNED WHAT THEY'D BOUGHT...
CROLOS, YOU SWINDLED ME! THIS ISN'T AN ORIGINAL CEZANNE! AFTER IT WAS STOLEN YOU SOLD IT TO ME FOR THIRTY THOUSAND!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW? THE GUY THAT SOLD IT MUST'VE GYPPED ME! WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE POLICE?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT!
WAIT A MIN...
THAT WAS A MISTAKE, WELLMAN! GET OUT-- AND TAKE THAT PHONEY MASTERPIECE WITH YOU!
LET HIM GO, GUS! HE PAID PLENTY TO THROW THAT PUNCH!
WHAT IF ONE OF THEM TALKS, NICK? WE'D BE IN TROUBLE!
HOW CAN THEY? THEY KNOW THEY'RE BUYING STOLEN GOODS OR THEY THINK THEY ARE! THAT MAKES THEM CRIMINALS, TOO!
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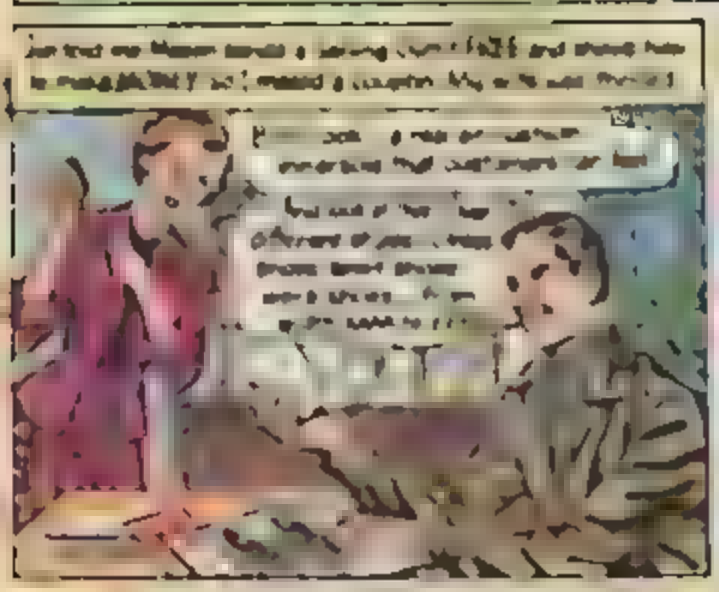

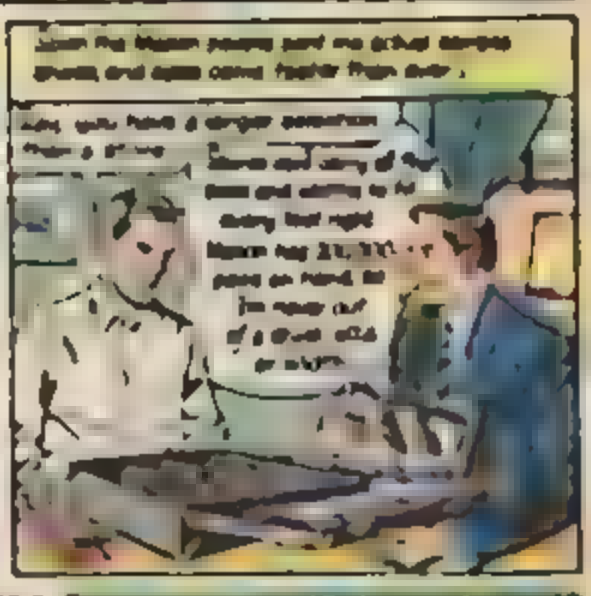

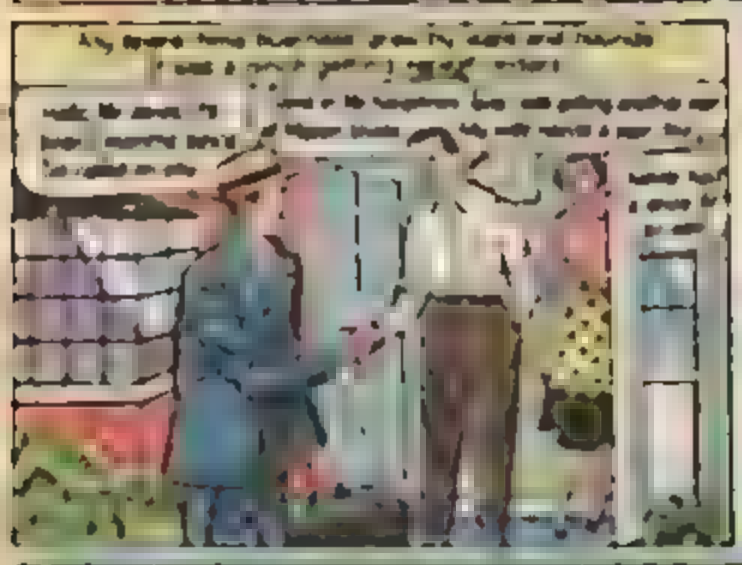

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I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN I'M WERE TOO CLEVER FOR ME.... AH, WELL... SOME DAYS IT GOES THAT WAY.
THAT'S RIGHT
MORE YOU SURE CAN'T / I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE QUICK CHANGE GUYS / YOU'VE GOT YOUR FIVE AND I'VE GOT THE PEN... NOW BEAT IT!
I JUST BOUGHT THIS PARKER 51 FROM HIM FOR FIVE BUCKS! IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT AN AMERICAN DOLLAR WILL BUY OVER HERE
PEN, HONEY! I'VE GOT ONE, MYSELF — THIS JUST A GOOD IMITATION OF ONE!
WHY THE TRADE MARK IS RIGHT ON IT!
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK. IT DOESN'T SAY PARKER 51 IT SAYS, PARKER 5...
WE... I'LL BE!
PARKER 51

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COME ON, LET'S GET SOME CLOTHES OVER-LOOKED
OH YES, WE KNOW THIS MAN — HE HAS BEEN PICKED UP IN PRETTY NUMEROUS PLACES LATELY
AN YOU GET HIS BLACKS BACK
I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO — WE HAVE TURNED HIM OVER TO FRANCE BY NOW — HOWEVER WITH THE PHOTO, YOUR AFFIDAVIT AND THE PEN FOR EVIDENCE WE CAN PUT HIM UP AND SEND HIM TO THE WORKHOUSE FOR A WHILE!
WELL — THAT'S SOME CONSOLATION
AND PLEASE MR BRENT DON'T DRINK ANY MORE HARD BARGAINS. PEOPLE LIKE YOU KEEP THE CONFIDENCE MEN IN BUSINESS AND
I'M GOING TO GET SOME PICTURES OF THE EIFFEL TOWER, DEAR! WANT TO COME ALONG OR WOULD YOU RATHER WAIT FOR ME.... OVER A COLD DRINK IN A SIDEWALK CAFE WHERE YOU CAN CONDUCT YOUR BLACK MARKET BUSINESS?
AWWWWW
THE END

"TRUCK TRAP."

The man seated at the end table in Luigi's Restaurant was in his early forties His face was clean shaven and the curly brown hair on his head was as yet untouched by gray His two black eyes were large and when he talked he always looked straight at you "Seems as though he can read your thoughts," is what they said about Norman Kurvy, head of the Federal Crime Fighters He always appeared relaxed, no matter how difficult a case was, upon which he and his men might be working Just now a young agent of his, Paul Reiner, was seated opposite him.

"The coffee is certainly delicious," admitted the young man "Never thought I could enjoy thick black coffee without cream or sugar What's the secret?"

"Luigi makes it the Turkish way Learned it when he was in Istanbul How are we coming with the tests on the body armor to protect our men when close shooting takes place?"

"Very successful," replied Reiner "The newly adopted body armor was designed by the Bureau of Technical Research It has eliminated the shortcomings of the old type armored vests The new vest is six inches longer in front and four inches longer in back We are getting one hundred of them for use in an emergency The body armor is composed of overlapping and interlocking heat-treated metal plates covered by nylon cloth All types of [illegible] weapons were [illegible] the vest with neither penetration or ricochet resulting The tests show that an agent of the F C F. firing from prone position offers minimum of exposed unprotected body area to opponent The vest fits snugly across the back of the wearer with no riding-up and eliminates a vulnerable gap under the arm pits found in the old type vest. Next Thursday a demonstration will be put on at the testing range for you."

"Fine," commented Norman Kurvy. "The protection of our officers and agents is of primary concern to me. What about my appointment schedule for this afternoon?"

"Mr. Thomas Coster, of Truckers' Insurance Company, will be at your office to discuss the theft of material in interstate commerce with you. He is worried about the record of the Fast Trucking Service. Definitely an inside job."

A middle aged, balding, stout man sat opposite the head of the F.C.F In spite of his sluggish appearance, which was deceiving, the man was mentally alert

"From what we can gather," began Mr Coster, there must definitely be a tip-off in regard to valuable shipments in the trucks of the Fast Trucking Service This hijacking activity is spreading Guess you can blame the growth of trucks for it."

Not at all," corected Norman Kurvy. "Hijacking is of ancient vintage Centuries ago caravans of valuable goods were carried by camels in the mid-East They were held up and robbed by raiders who were actually hijackers. Then you must also consider piracy Actually what did a pirate do? He held up a ship on the high seas and hijacked the contents Then go back to the '49ers who crossed our country in covered wagons. They too suffered from raiders who robbed them of their valuables And don't fool yourself, even in this city in the days of big vans and teams of horses, we had hijackers.

However the F.C.F 's most effective weapon to combat this kind of crime is the Theft from Interstate Shipment Statute The theft of freight, express, goods, chattels, shipments, or baggage which are a part of an interstate or foreign shipment or which are moving in interstate or foreign commerce is a violation of this statute The maximum penalty for such violation is ten years in a penitentiary and a fine of $5,000 or both"

"Excuse me, Mr Kurvy," interrupted Mr. Coster, "I do not wish to be sarcastic. But before you think of punishing a criminal, isn't it a fact you [illegible] What have you figured out that is new and different to catch these hi[illegible]

The head of the F C F. could afford the luxury of a smile as he replied.

"Come with me to our garage and be prepared [illegible] I will show you what our experts have built."

In a corner of the garage was a large new truck. On it were painted the words: Fast Trucking Service.

"Looks like one of their trucks," said Thomas Coster. "But I can surmise you have some new gimmicks in it. What are they?"

"The entire truck is bulletproof," began Norman Kurvy. "And that includes all glass used. The driver need not open his door to speak to a person or hear him. There is a small efficient radio-broadcasting unit in the cab. Nor need he stop for lunch. In it we have built a food unit to take care of him for three consecutive days. There is also a small washroom. Thus we have eliminated the danger of the driver getting out of the cab and becoming a victim of a hijacker. The tires are puncture proof. In case of a breakdown due to mechanical failure, the driver does not [illegible]. This truck will be the trap to get that gang of hijackers."

The newest truck added to the fleet of cars used by the Fast Trucking Service was about to [illegible] president of the company, gave some parting advice to his driver, Joe McLaughlin.

[illegible] dollars worth of mink coats. It is uninsured because I can't get any more insurance due to those hold-[illegible]. You know [illegible] Leo Donavan. He knows all about this [illegible] through to your destination [illegible]."

[illegible] niece and private secretary of [illegible] a sealed envelope to the driver.

[illegible] to you, Leo," was all she said [illegible] thing hot to drink. Max is bringing us some coffee."

[illegible] handed him a five dollar bill and he gave her no change. When he left the office, he quickly removed the thin [illegible] on the reverse side of the bill and read it.

[illegible] worth of mink coats. Destination [illegible] Highway 41 and continue on that highway. [illegible]. Do not open door and bear with [illegible] Do not stop. Tell him to be careful. Use the radio to talk to him."

For five hours the truck went along the different highways at the legal rate of speed.

"You aren't exactly a talkative guy," remarked Joe McLaughlin to his relief man. "I was a cop for [illegible] years. I make good money driving this truck. Guess I know a cop. What are you? Private dick, city cop, or a federal?"

"My orders were to give you the correct answer if you wanted to know it," was the unexpected reply. "We know your record and that you are trustworthy. I'm an F.C.F. man. Just keep your eyes on the road and be careful not to fall into a trap."

Another hour's driving brought the truck to a halt. A big crane was in the way. The road was blocked by two other trucks. There was a man holding a submachine gun in his hand and he spoke.

"You got exactly two minutes to get out of that cab. See that crane? Look at the steel jaws on that bucket. We'll drop it on top of the cab and smash through. If that won't work, we'll tie an iron chain around and lift the truck into the air and [illegible]. I got six armed guys with me. I'll show them to you.

Six armed men appeared from the trucks that were parked. They were tough looking characters.

"What do I do now?" asked a nervous Joe McLaughlin. "This [illegible] business."

"Just do nothing," advised the F.C.F. man. "They want trouble and they'll get it! Now I push this button and you can enjoy the show."

[illegible]. A dozen F.C.F. men in the new armor jumped out. Each man held a submachine gun in his hand. Leo Donavan spoke through the microphone.

"If you fellows want to fight and die that's your choice. You will observe the agents of the Federal Crime Fighters are dressed in protective armor. Don't be fools. Drop your weapons and keep your hands in the air."

A puzzled Henry Lipman faced his niece who had been [illegible] by the gang [illegible].

"Why?" was the one word question.

"Because you had money and I had to work for you. That's all."

"Not exactly," corrected Norman Kurvy. She was secretly [illegible] the gang [illegible]. Leo [illegible] was [illegible] to [illegible] have [illegible] him [illegible] to [illegible]."

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SECRET SUCCESS

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END

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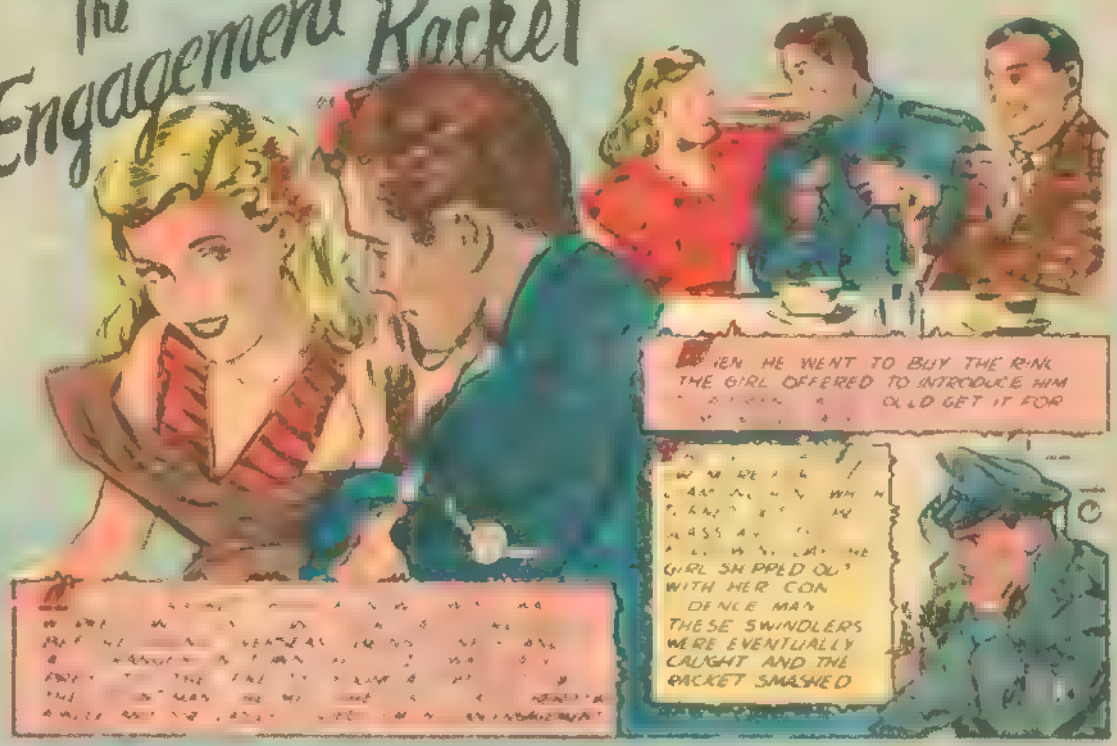
the Engagement Racket


...EN HE WENT TO BUY THE RING THE GIRL OFFERED TO INTRODUCE HIM ... OULD GET IT FOR
GIRL SHPED OU WITH HER CON DENCE MAN
THESE SWINDLERS WERE EVENTUALLY CAUGHT AND THE RACKET SMASHED

QUIZ

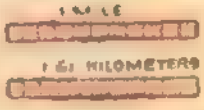
...CAN ANSWER CORRECTLY?
SCORE YOURSELF AS FOLLOWS

1. PLYMOUTH ROCK WAS DISCOVERED ON DEC 21 1620
TRUE____ FALSE____

2. WILLIAM R KING WAS THE THIRTEENTH VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE U.S
TRUE____ FALSE____

3. CUBIC FOOT IS EQUAL TO 1728 CUBIC INCHES.
TRUE____ FALSE____

4. MILE IS EQUAL TO 1.61 KILOMETERS
TRUE____ FALSE____



5. MERCURY IS A PLANET
TRUE____ FALSE____

ANSWERS:

1. TRUE 2. TRUE 3. TRUE 4. TRUE 5. TRUE

DOUBLE TAKE

THEN I CALLED CAPTAIN MICHAEL ROMANO, MY SUPERIOR..
LOOK THESE LETTERS OVER! THEY WERE IN PRANTI'S POCKET! LOOKS LIKE HE'S PLANNING SOME THING WITH A JUMP SPENDER!
THAT'S ONE OF THE ALIASES OF WILLIE BEAVER! BEAVER'S REALLY A WILY BOY!

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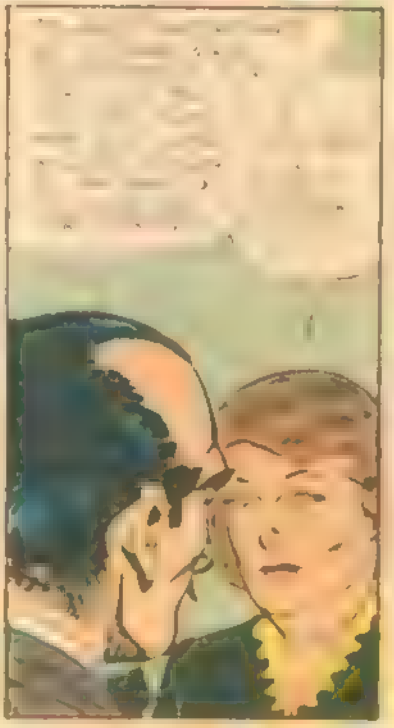

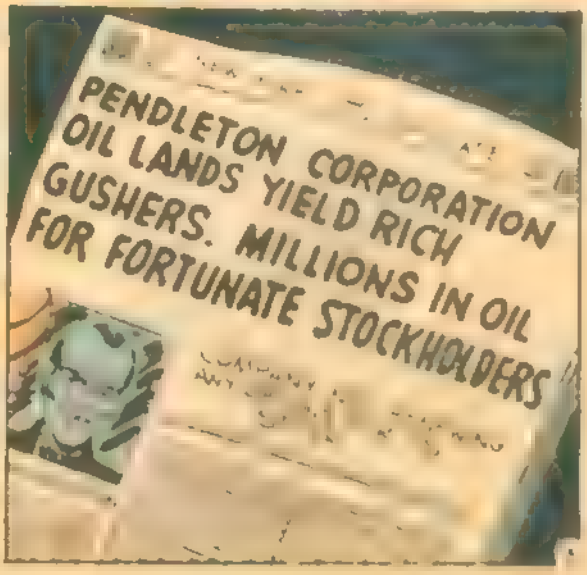

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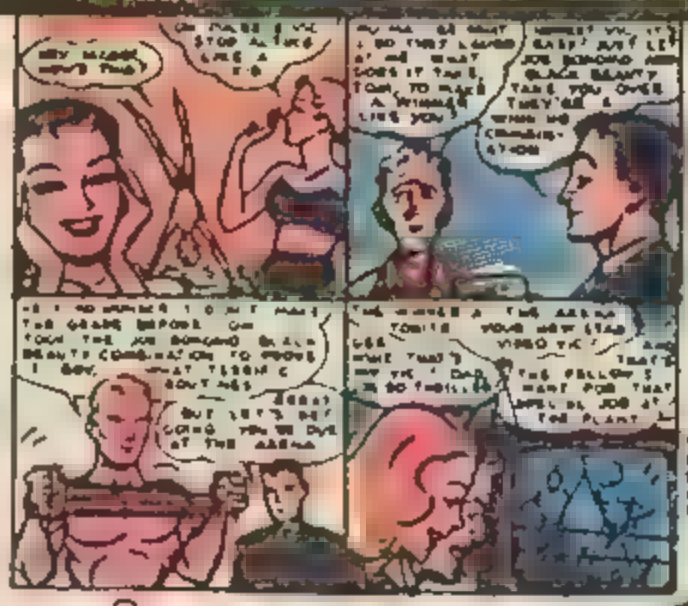

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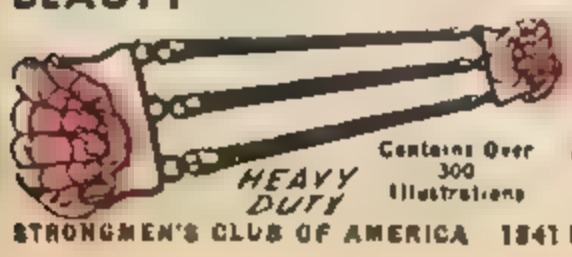

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OF CIRCULATION FOR A LONG, LONG
ME!
TAKEN TO A CELL..
A DOUBLE TAKE WHEN YOU SURPRISED HIM, TOM!
END

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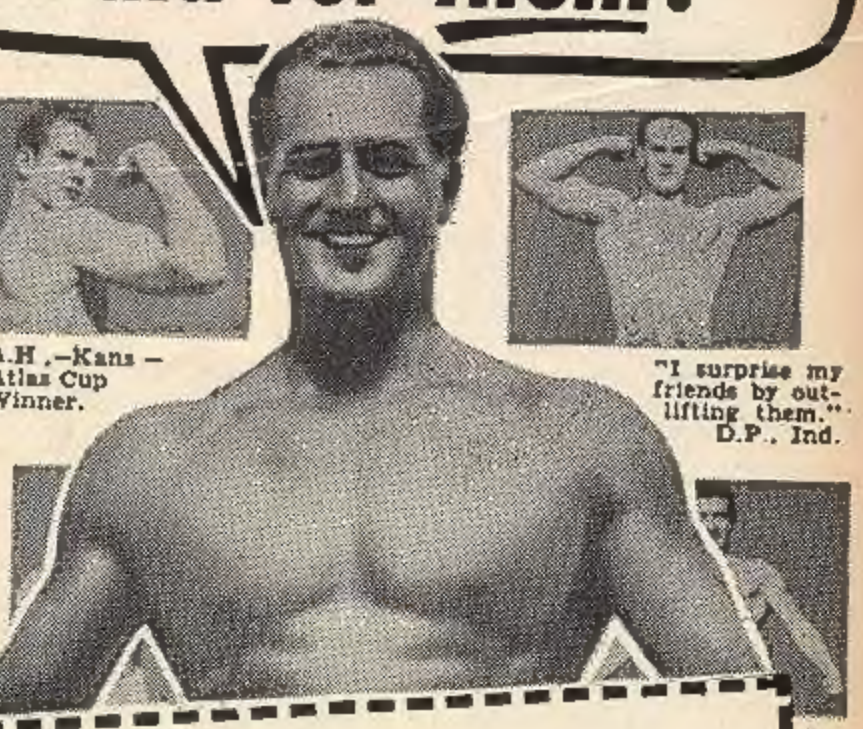

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